Extrusion Progress

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Prototype Extrusions Delivered for Testing

Look beautiful after usual tweeking of process

Mechanically

Excellent straightness, smoothness, uniformity

Optically

As predicted for about 12% TiO₂ Reflectivity measurements – Indiana Light yield – Minnesota

To do with these extrusions:

Light Yields

Scintillator (Indiana, Minnesota)

Fiber loop (Minnesota)

Vertical Slice (Texas, Minnesota)

Mechanical Structure

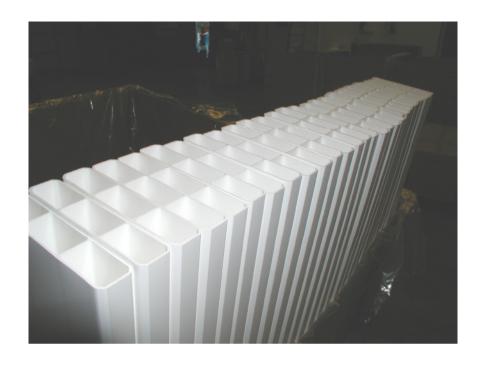
Test to destruction (Argonne, Fermilab, Minnesota)

Check calculations (Argonne, Fermilab, Minnesota)

Manifolds & seals (Fermilab, Minnesota, Texas)

Lifetime (Caltech, Indiana)

Vertical Slice (Texas, Minnesota)





12% TiO₂

Next vertical slice test

Minnesota

Texas

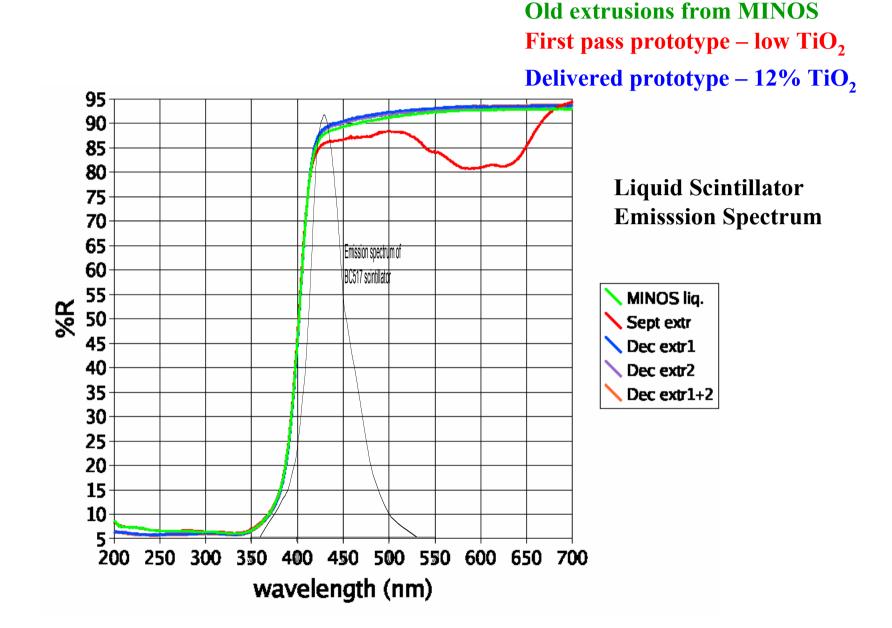
all outer walls mm		all inner webs mm	
ave	1.419	ave	1.113
std dev	0.083	std dev	0.137
min	1.346	min	0.914

Measured by J. Kilmer

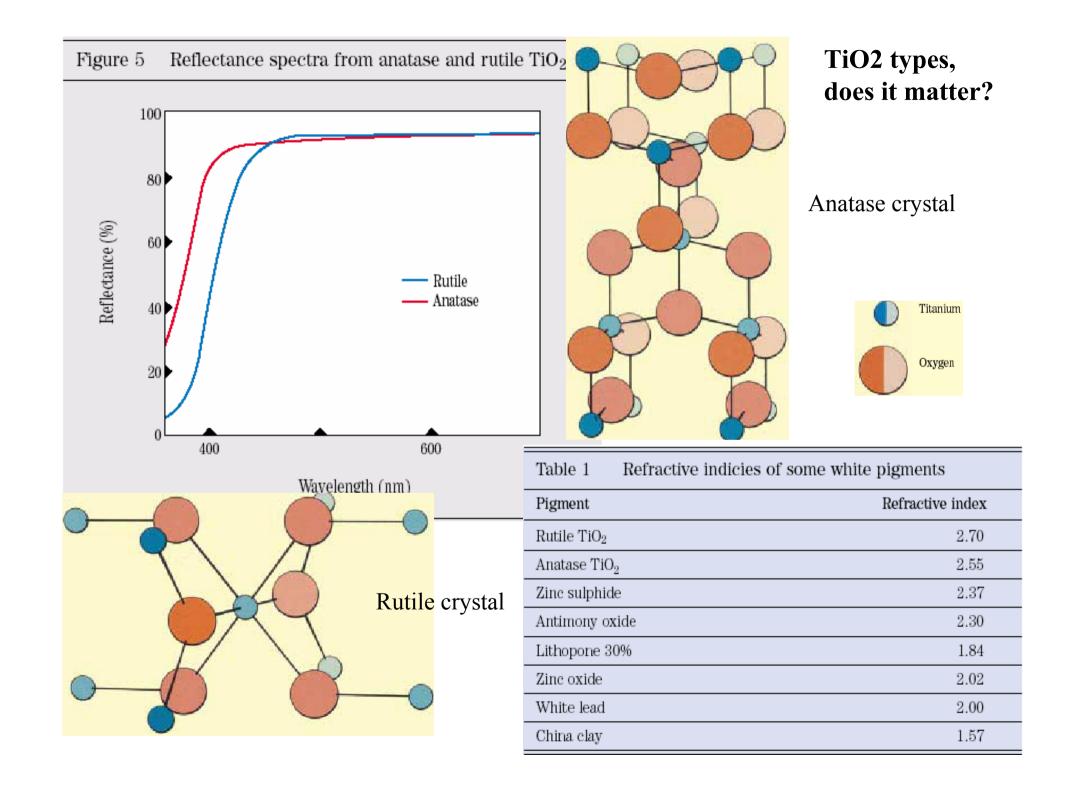




Reflectivity Measurements - Indiana

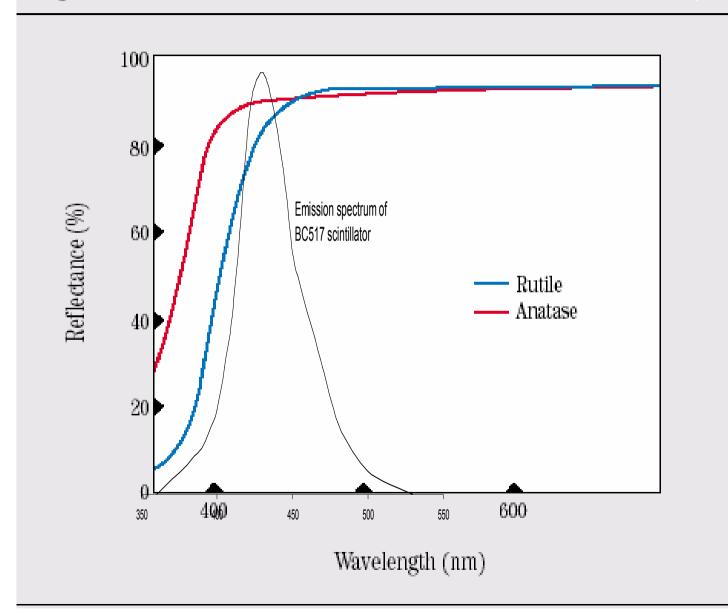


CR-834 IS AN ALUMINA STABILIZED, CHLORIDE PROCESS RUTILE PIGMENT



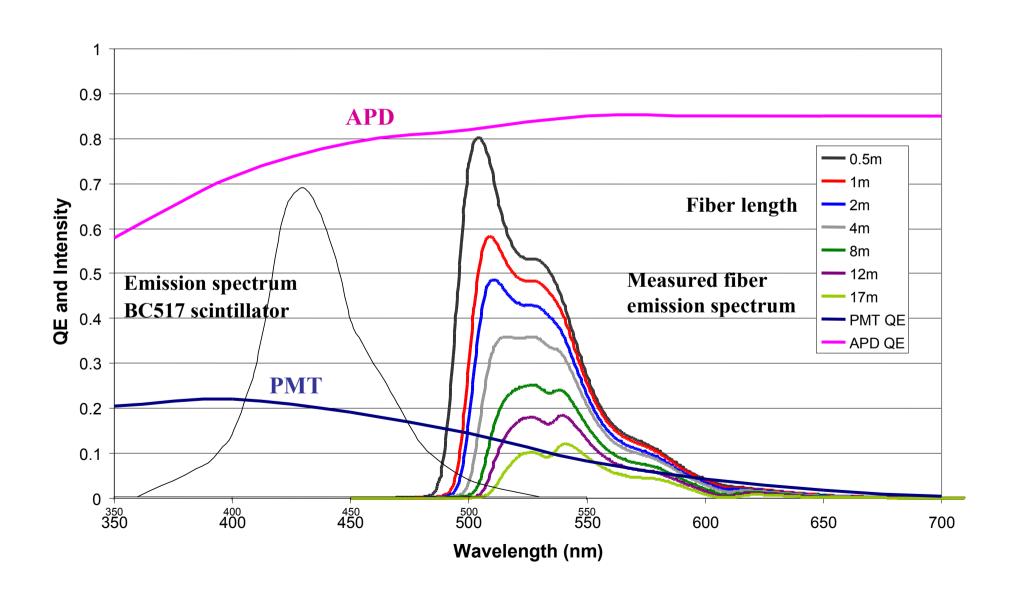
Rutile is the usual pigment

Figure 5 Reflectance spectra from anatase and rutile TiO₂

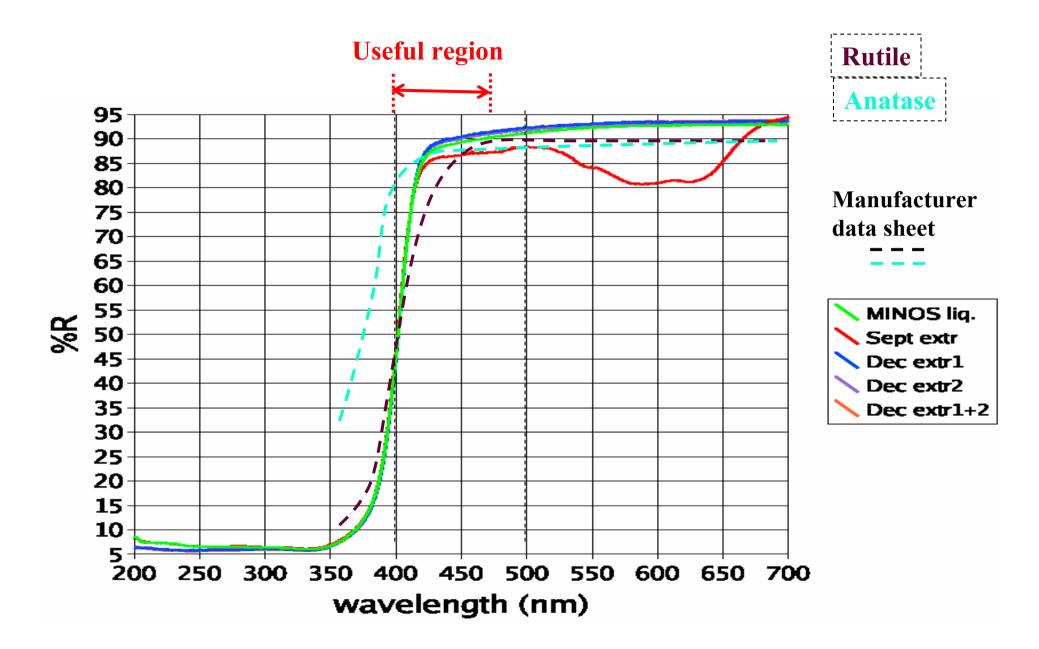


Perhaps we should try Anatase.

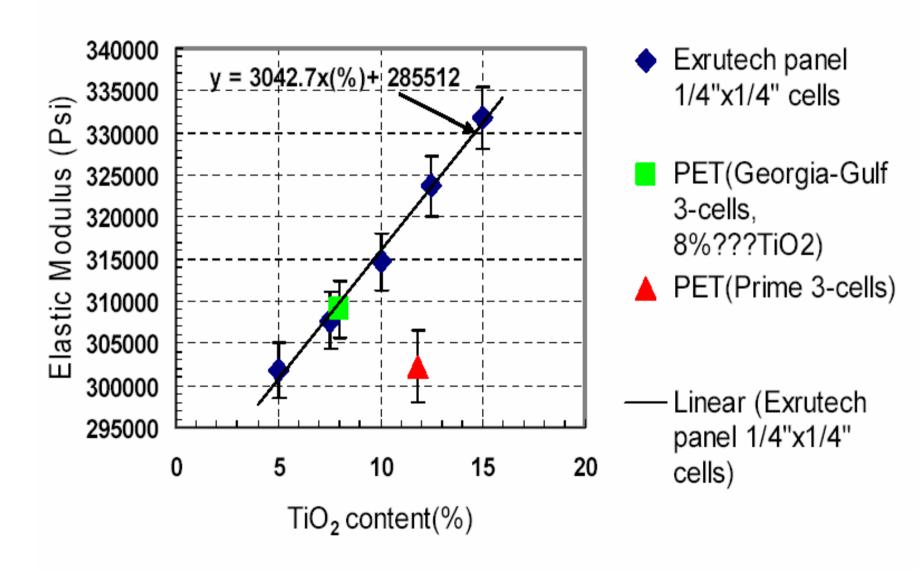
Quantum Efficiency and Fiber Emission



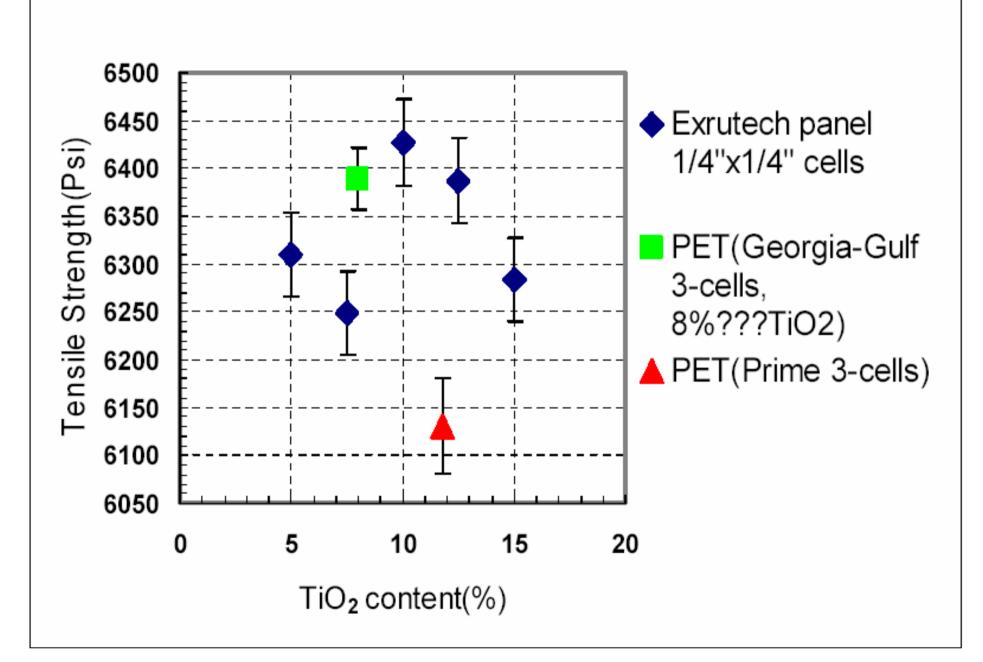
Indiana Measurements vs Manufacturer Specs.



Elastic modulus for PVC vs %TiO₂



Tensile tests for PVC vs % TiO₂



Extrusion Composition (as reported)

	Initial Extrusions	Delivered Extrusions
Component	%	%
PVC Resin	79.0	78.7
TiO2		
(many types, some		
"coated"	9.5	11.8
acrylic impact modifiers (there are		
many kinds)	5.0	4.0
fillers (unknown, usually calcium carbonate)	3.0	3.0
internal & external lubricants		
(unknown, many		
kinds)	2.5	0.8
organo-tin stabilizers		
(3 major groups,		
maybe 20 types)	1.0	1.6 Compiled by J. Co

Possible Plan:

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Work with current extruder: (short time, small incremental cost) Composition of PVC

Plastic has additives – Do they matter? (JC) Composition of TiO_2

Can we get more light?
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Work with new extruder: (6 months, larger incremental cost)

Use cell size and wall thickness for totally active detector

Physics resolution

Simulations – Minnesota (LM. PL)

Mechanical strength

FEA – Fermilab (AL, HJ)\

Order Next Extrusion (3 cell prototype) – realistic 6 months delivery